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" (d) The loss of revenue to the Government by the abolition of this tax is roughly: (1) Rs. 80,000 per annum from dry lands; and (2) Rs. 6,500 per annum from wet lands."

Scheme to bring under cultivation the Koothali Estate.

* 883 Q.—SRI K. MOIDU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have any scheme to bring under cultivation all the waste lands of Koothali Estate by introducing co-operative farming?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" On the socialistic pattern that is to be the basis of our country's administration, may I ask the Hon. Minister, why there should not be co-operative farming at least in Government-owned lands which they got free? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" We do not have any such scheme on hand now. Certainly, when the time comes to dispose of the lands, all these things would be considered."

Cashewnut workers in South Kanara

* 732 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to the state—

(a) whether the Government received any memorandum on 19th May 1954 from the Secretary of the Cashewnut Workers' Union, Mangalore, South Kanara, requesting the Government to appoint a committee to go into the conditions of the cashewnut workers in the State with special regard to their wages, bonus, leave facilities, dearness allowance, etc.; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The Government have decided not to constitute a Tripartite Enquiry Committee for the Cashewnut Industry. But the Commissioner of Labour has been directed to conduct conciliation proceedings on the specific demands of the Cashewnut Workers' Union, Mangalore, and submit his recommendations to Government in due course."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" The Minimum Wages Act gives power to the Government to constitute a committee to fix minimum wages for workers. Why should not the Government exercise that power and make an elaborate inquiry into the conditions of the poor labourers? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" If the hon. Gentleman refers to the cashewnut workers, I shall examine the suggestion that a committee might be constituted for fixing minimum wages for them."

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SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" How many factories are there in this State and what is the number of workers employed in them? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice of this question."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" முந்திரிப் பருப்பு தொழிலாளர்கள் என்ன குறிப்பிட்ட கோரிக்கைகளை சர்க்காரிடம் கேட்டார்கள் ? அவைகளைப்பற்றி விசாரிப்பதற்கு லேபர் கமிஷனருக்கு ஏதாவது தாக்கீது சர்க்கார் அனுப்பி இருக்கிறார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The main demands of the Cashewnut Workers' Union were appointment of a tripartite committee to inquire into the service conditions of workers, fixation of minimum wages, increase in the rates of wages, payment of bonus, institution of a gratuity scheme, payment for the period of lay-off and leave with wages and holidays. The Labour Officer has been asked to take up conciliation with the Workers' Union and the management."

Tamil Encyclopædia.

* 733 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the **Minister for Finance be pleased to state—**

(*a*) the expenditure incurred so far by the Government on the preparation of the Tamil Encyclopædia; and

(*b*) when it is likely to be completed?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Government are not publishing the Encyclopædia. The Tamil Valarchi Kazhagam (The Tamil Academy) is doing the work. A sum of Rs. 3,34,801 has been paid to the Academy as grant for the purpose up to the end of the year 1953–54.

" (*b*) The Tamil Academy has stated that it is likely to be completed in 1958."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" What are the salient features of this Tamil Encyclopædia? Has this Encyclopædia digested and made as its own words from other languages like Sanskrit and Hindustani? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" If the hon. Member is interested, I may tell him that the first volume has been published and that he may purchase a copy and go through it."

SRI N. GOPALA MENON :—" Is it an encyclopædia or a lexicon? An encyclopædia means is a collection of information on all branches of knowledge. A lexicon is more or less like a dictionary. Therefore, I would like to know what exactly it is."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" This is an encyclopædia on the model of the Encyclopædia Brittanica. This is the first of its kind in an Indian language."